

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

September 28, 2026

Minutes of a scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this twenty-eighth day of September 2026. Meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Conference Room, Room 116, of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Others attending included Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, Tourism Director Amy Myers, and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash.

Request for funding assistance for Blackhawk Arena sound system received:

Kathy Maxwell of Salina City and Blackhawk Arena Director Ryan Brooks discussed with the Commission upgrades needed to the sound system at the Blackhawk Arena. They reported that it has been kind of patched together to add to and keep running, and they are at a point that it needs to be completely upgraded. They have received a bid to upgrade the system from Performance Audio for \$187,353, who has been helping maintain the current system. Their request is for half of the proposal from the County. With the upgrade they believe there will be more events which will generate more TRT funding to the County. The Commission indicated they would take the request and review it while establishing the 2027 budget. They also reported that they had looked at increasing their fees for their overnight hook-ups and overnight stall rentals to generate additional funding to help cover their costs.

Review of projects planned with Title 3 Fire money:

Fire Warden Brion Terry and Assistant Nick Freeborn reviewed with the Commission the projects they are working on, and ways to use some of the Title 3 money to help with fire mitigation on our mountains. The project they are looking at would involve getting equipment and clearing the trees and brush away from the sides of roads through private property to create a larger fire break along the roadways. They also discussed using Title 3 money to purchase a Polaris Ranger with a skid unit and water trailer to help access the properties quicker and easier and provide better fire mitigation along mountain roads. Mr. Terry indicated that Matt Christensen, who is working for the State Fire Interface Department, is looking at upgrading an area that Richfield City is going to allow the State and County to use for storage of fire fighting equipment near the airport. They would like to use Title 3 monies to help upgrade the area with gravel. The Commission thanked them for the work they are doing and moving forward with some of the projects if it is in their current budget.

Review of Utah Beef Producers request for tax abatement on parcel 1-11-15:

Assessor Terri Hartle then updated the Commission on the request from the Utah Beef Producers for a tax abatement on prior year taxes due to some errors in the information that had been used in the assessment of their property, parcel 1-11-15. She noted that she had done a site visit and made corrections to the value of the property for the current year, but their request was received too late to appeal their value for the 2025 year. The matter will be considered during the regular Commission meeting.

Updated on Watershed Project West of Richfield:

Darin Robinson, and Jenna from Jones & DeMille Engineering gave the Commission an update on the Watershed project they have been working on west of Richfield. They have been working with the NRCS and have finished the environmental study. They are looking at moving forward to the design portion of the project as quickly as possible, and are working on getting the funding of approximately \$25 million that is available to this area through federal grants allocated to this area. Mr. Robinson reported that our benefit costs for this project is higher than other projects and feels confident that we will be able to get the funding. The Commission thanked him for the information.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.